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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 3620**

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Connie D. Myers
Application No. : 09/575,249
Filed : May 19, 2000
For : MULTI-VENDOR TRANSACTIONS BASED ON NEAR-
IMMEDIATE REBATE DETECTION

Examiner : Jean D. Janvier
Art Unit : 3622
Docket No. : 680047.404
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Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated December 3, 2003, please extend the period of time for response three months, to expire on June 3, 2004. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 16 of this paper.